

**MINUTES OF THE 1027th WHEELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2020
AT WHEELTON VILLAGE HALL, WEST VIEW, WHEELTON**

PRESENT: Councillors M Harper, Mrs K Berry, Dickenson, Mrs M France, Harper, Scambler and Wheale. Two members of the Public.

Clerk: Parish Clerk Joanne Carr.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs K Berry and R Scambler declared an interest in item 249/12/20 cheque for S Berry as the contractor is known to them and Councillor M Harper in item 249/12/20 cheque for M Harper.

246/12/20 MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING 2 NOVEMBER 2020

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillors noted that the wreath laying under Covid regulations had gone very well and thanked Councillor Dickenson for his organisation.

Councillor Scambler joined the meeting.

238/11/20 – Councillor Mrs France advised that she had not been able to attend the Making Space for Water meeting but had liaised with our representative to ensure that recent local concerns were raised. Councillor Dickenson reported that he had raised the issue of flooding at the Chorley Liaison Committee meeting.

Councillors were advised that a site visit had taken place at Brantwood Fold and that the County Council would be making some alterations to the draining of the highway to drain the water off into the stream.

Councillors were advised that the Borough Council had reported that they had tried to arrange the independent inspection but that the resident had refused access to the site. Councillors felt that the Borough Council should enforce the matter as the flooding on Winns Lane had only started after the huge amount of soil had been imported onto the site.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that PCSO Clarke had advised that there was nothing to report currently as Wheelton seems to be quiet.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Bradshaw thanked Councillor Wheale for arranging the Clock time for the filming which took place during the month and had been very successful.

ENHANCING WHEELTON

a) Traffic Matters

The Clerk advised that the County Council had informed her that the new finger post at the War Memorial had already been ordered and that the Officer was unable to cancel the order to allow the Parish Council to repair the damaged sign. It was agreed that Councillor Dickenson should speak to Mr Mullon to establish whether the current sign could be repaired because the Parish Council would prefer to keep the old wooden style rather than replace with a new metal heritage sign.

Councillor Mrs France had requested a crossing on Bett Lane following concerns from residents, but the County Council had responded that Bett Lane had a good road safety record with no instances of pedestrian related injury collisions in the last five years therefore no crossing or signage would be considered. Members thought that it was sad that the County Council would not be proactive and only consider road safety precautions after there had been sufficient injuries.

b) Recreation Area Enhancement

There was nothing further to report regarding the recreation ground play equipment replacement.

c) War Memorial

The Christmas Tree would be being delivered this week. Councillor Harper advised that he had purchased new Christmas Lights for the tree.

Councillor Hayes advised that he had planted a quarter of the daffodil bulbs from the Borough Council but would appreciate some assistance for the remainder of the bulbs. The Clerk advised that it was not possible to arrange a planting event but that something could be put on the website and on social media advising that if anyone wanted to volunteer, they could contact Councillor Hayes for some bulbs. Councillors discussed having a Facebook page.

PLANNING MATTERS

247/12/20 The Parish Council considered the following planning applications and RESOLVED to make the following observations:

20/01192/FULHH Greenbank Fishwick Lane Higher Wheelton Chorley PR6 8HT
First floor side extension, single storey rear extension (following demolition of conservatory) and elevational alterations

The Parish Council RESOLVED to make No Objection

20/01155/TPO Land Between 386 And 392 Blackburn Road Higher Wheelton
Application for work to a protected tree - Chorley BC TPO 12 (Wheelton) 1998: T2 Ash - Fell

The Parish Council were concerned about the removal of trees which were highlighted as a possibility before the planning consent was given and RESOLVED to request that the Borough Council undertake an independent survey before they consider the application.

20/01129/FUL 309 Blackburn Road Higher Wheelton Chorley PR6 8HL
Conversion of the existing double garage to yoga studio (for the property owner to run yoga classes), and erection of porch to side elevation

The Parish Council RESOLVED to object to the application on the following points:

- Does this require a change of use to run a business from the premises?
- There is no car parking because the property is on a very busy road.

BOTANY BAY CONSULTATION

Councillors noted the previously circulated consultation from F1-Real Estate Management regarding the proposals for changes to the planning application for the Botany Bay site.

248/12/20 The Parish Council RESOLVED to make the following objections to the proposal:

- The level of poor air quality on a number of areas on the maps
- There is no detail of road configuration on what was already a very busy road.
- 24 Hours access would be required
- This is considerable different to the original plans and will be a loss of amenity to the area.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

249/12/20 All accounts were authorised for payment:

Mrs J Carr – December Salary - £359.86

Inland Revenue – December Deductions - £89.80
CPR Group – Defibrillator Donation - £50.00
S. Berry – Grounds Maintenance - £920.00
CRPE – Annual Maintenance - £36.00
Mr M Harper – Christmas Tree Lights - £56.00

DD Easy Websites – Web Hosting and Support December – £27.60

CANAL TOWPATH REQUEST

Councillors noted the email received regarding the state of the canal towpaths in the area and noted that although the Parish Council had no jurisdiction over the area, under the current Covid 19 restrictions, outside exercise was encouraged but the condition of the towpath discouraged use for many of the local residents.

250/12/20 The Parish Council RESOVLED to write to the Canal and Rivers Trust to raise concern about the state of the towpaths because they do not allow for disabled access with only sections between bridge 83 to 85 being gravel and some mud but sections between bridge 85 to 87 being very thick mud in places which even able bodied people struggle with.

CLERKS APPRAISAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Clerk left the meeting for this item

Councillors considered the Appraisal/Performance Review.

The Clerk was invited back to the meeting and was advised that she had received a positive Appraisal. The Clerk was thanked for keeping the Parish Council running through these unprecedented Pandemic conditions and for all of her hard work.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Councilors noted the following:

- Community Energy Revolution webinar on 9 December 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom.
- The Chorley Liaison meeting had advised that Chorley Council's finances had been hit by the pandemic due to their assistance to local businesses which in turn may hit the subsidies to the 24A bus service. Councilors were encouraged to complete the consultation when it was available.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 January 2021 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated